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Serial No.: **09/766,779**

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Group Art Unit: 2164

Filed: **January 22, 2001**

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Title: **Method and System for Property Valuation)
in an On-Line Computing Environment**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

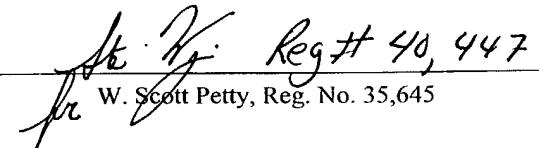
AMENDMENT

Page 1, Line 3, please insert the following paragraph and header:

--PRIORITY CLAIM AND RELATED APPLICATION

Applicants claim priority under 35 USC §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/249,985 filed November 20, 2000, entitled "Property Valuation in an On-Line Computing Environment", the disclosure of which is fully incorporated herein by reference.--

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 5, 2001.


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REMARKS

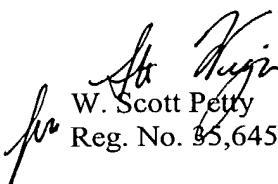
Applicants filed the above-referenced non-provisional patent application on January 22, 2001, claiming priority to a corresponding provisional patent application, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/249,985, filed on November 20, 2000.

At the time of the execution for the Declarations of this non-provisional application and at the time for drafting the non-provisional application, Applicants had not yet received from the Patent Office formal notice of the serial number to the corresponding provisional patent application. Although Applicants claim priority to the earlier filing date for the corresponding provisional patent application, as evidenced by the Declarations shown in Exhibit A and on the Application transmittal sheet shown in Exhibit B, neither the present application nor the Declarations identified the serial number for the provisional patent application because this information was unavailable to the Applicants at the time of the execution of the Declarations and during the initial drafting of the application.

Applicants have now amended the above-referenced non-provisional patent application to include a reference to a priority claim for a corresponding provisional patent application, Serial No. 60/249,985, entitled "Property Valuation in an On-Line Computing Environment." Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the present application to include this priority claim on Page 1 of the application. Applicants also submit herewith Supplemental Declarations of Inventorship, shown on Exhibit C, identifying the cited provisional patent application by serial number. The Supplemental Declarations support the priority claim submitted in the original Declarations of Inventorship (containing only the filing date of the provisional application) executed by the inventors and provided to the Patent Office in connection with the non-provisional patent application filing.

Applicants appreciate the assistance provided by the Patent Office to confirm the priority claim. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and examination of the application as amended. In the event that an issue can be addressed in a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned at 404.572.2888.

Respectfully submitted,

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